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In re Application of:

Donald George Richardson

Application No. 09/830,727

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For: METHOD OF RECORDING THE

TEMPERATURE OF PERISHABLE PRODUCTS IN COLD CHAIN

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